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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

CHEN et al.

APPLICATION NO.: 09/836,035

FILING DATE: April 17, 2001

TITLE: SODIUM-HYDROGEN EXCHANGER TYPE
1 INHIBITOR

Examiner: E. Huang

Group Art Unit: 1625

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed July 16, 2001 concerning the above-identified application. A 37 C.F.R. §1.136 Petition requesting a one (1) month extension of the time for response from October 16, 2001 to November 16, 2001 is filed herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 30.

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments hereinabove, reconsideration of the Office Action mailed on July 16, 2001 and allowance of the claims.

35 U.S.C § 102(a): Claim 30

Claim 30 was rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Hamanaka (WO 99/43663, PTO-1449), because the method claimed in Hamanaka (Claims 51 and 103) would inherently produce the instant compound. Applicants canceled claim 30. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and allow Claims 1-29 and 31.